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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re original application of:

Applicants : Mark C. Schmidt, et al.  
Application Serial No.: 10/042,755  
Filing Date: : November 13, 2002  
Title: AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE  
MULTI-MODE LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL  
READING SYSTEM  
Examiner : n/a  
Group Art Unit : 2876  
Attorney Docket No. : 108-181USA000

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants request a one month extension of time in order to file the accompanying Response to Office Action dated November 8, 2002. The extended response time to file the Response to Office Action will expire on July 18, 2003.

Enclosed in payment of the requisite fee of \$110.00 is Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., P.C. Check No. 3662. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any other fee deficiencies over overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-1340. A duplicate of this document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: July 18, 2003

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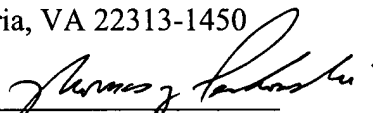
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